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STD FACILITY IN TALUKA/ TEHSIL HEADQUARTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Taluka/Tehsil Headquarters having telephone exchanges with STD facility in the country paricularly in Karnataka and West Bengal;

(b) the number of Talukas/Tehsils in the States where this facility is not available, State-wise;

(c) the main reasons for the same;

(d) the time by when STD facility is likely to be made available to the remaining Talukas/Tehsil Headquarters; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) All Talukas/Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) in the country including Karnataka have been provided with STD facility. Further in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Manipur where there is no concept of Taluka/Tehsil but sub-divisional headquarters, STD facility has been provided to all Sub-Divisional headquarters. However, exceptions are one THQ in the State of Tripura, one in Orissa and 9 in Tamilnadu, where telephone exchanges are not there, but STD facility has been provided from nearby exchanges.

(d) & (e) Do not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.